25X1A CONFIDENTIAL ase 1999/09/09 CIA-RDP82-00457R00740064 Approved For Release INFORMATION REPORT CP NO. Germany (Runsian Zone) COUNTRY DATE DISTR. 1 MAY Piles Demobilization of the Volkspolizei SUBJECT NO. OF PAGES 1 TETURN TO CIA 25X1A NO. OF ENCLS. DATE OF SUPPLEMENT TO Mid-February 1951 MIFO. 25X1X REPORT NO. In order to generate a propitious atmosphere for Otto Grotechol's German unification campaign, the DDR propaganda outlets have been broadcasting the alleg tion that the Volksvolizei has not only ceased expanding, but is actually discharging some of its troops. In actuality, however, the "discharged" Volkapolized merbers are being accommodated in various government offices where they assume clerical rosts and simultaneously keep ur their military standing by serving in the Werkschutz guard units. From time to time they will be relieved to take special military training courses. The DAHA organization in Berlin has received 12 Volkspolizei men who have been put to work in the registry and in the statistical section. In the month of March 1951, however, they will be dispatched to the police school in Luckenwalde for four weeks' light tank training. The situation in the Thuringian town of Ilmenau points up the manner in which the DDR is being brought up to a high state of robilization. This town of 10,000 inhabitants contains approximately 4,000 isnut A.G. for military and ideological training sessions. Thus, a town of only 10,000

inhabitants is being processed to yield no less than one full-sized battalken

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of potential troops.